

hand to families, "helping them work out problems, little things."

Frank's last action was one of incredible heroism. After being shot in the back, he pushed a woman out of the line of fire and into safety. This final act of bravery not only encompassed his dedication to his job and duty to protect, but also illustrated his extraordinary character. His friend and fellow deputy, Jeff Firkins, said, "He was a hero to the end. He took every care to make sure everybody else was safe. He was a great person and he had a heart of gold."

Today, I join Frank's family and friends in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear sorrow over this loss, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely serving to make America a safer place. It is his heroism and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Frank, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

When I think about Frank's profound commitment to protect and the pain that accompanies the unjust loss of this outstanding officer, I hope that some comfort can be brought to all the loved ones Frank left behind through the words of Peter 3:14, "but even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed." Both Frank's final heroic act, as well as his everyday lifestyle, epitomized doing what is right. May God be with all of you who mourn this tragic loss, as I know He is with Frank.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Frank C. Denzinger in the official record of the United States Senate for his service to the State of Indiana and the United States of America.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting a nomination and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nomination and withdrawal received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following measure was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and referred as indicated:

S. 1615. A bill to provide loans and grants for fire sprinkler retrofitting in nursing facilities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1686. An original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-89).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. SPENCER):

S. 1685. A bill to reduce the sentencing disparity between powder and crack cocaine violations, and to provide increased emphasis on aggravating factors relating to the seriousness of the offense and the culpability of the offender; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1686. An original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1687. A bill to provide for global pathogen surveillance and response; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1688. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend the time limit for the use of education assistance by members of the Selected Reserve and members of the reserve component supporting contingency operations and certain other operations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1689. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 1690. A bill to establish a 4-year pilot program to provide information and educational materials to small business concerns regarding health insurance options, including coverage options within the small group market; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1691. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to restrict the public display on the Internet of all or any portion of social security account numbers by State and local governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1692. A bill to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 253. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the establishment of a Museum of the History of American Diplomacy through private donations is a worthy endeavor; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. Res. 254. A resolution supporting efforts for increased healthy living for childhood cancer survivors; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 38

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program for the provision of readjustment and mental health services to veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 41

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 41, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to improve America's research competitiveness, and for other purposes.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 479, a bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 616

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 616, a bill to promote health care coverage parity for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities.

S. 648

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 648, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active federal status or on active duty for significant periods.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII